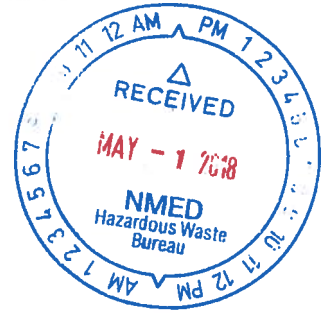




DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
National Nuclear Security Administration
Los Alamos Field Office
Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544



April 27, 2018

Mr. John E. Kieling, Chief
Hazardous Waste Bureau
New Mexico Environment Department
2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 1
Santa Fe, NM 87505-6303

Dear Mr. Kieling:

Subject: Notification of Transfer of Contractor Responsibilities - the Federal Facility
Compliance Order (October 1995)

This letter serves to provide notice to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) of an upcoming change in the operator contractor for hazardous waste management operations at the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) awarded the Los Alamos Legacy Cleanup Contract to Newport News Nuclear BWXT-Los Alamos, LLC (N3B), effective April 30, 2018, at which time N3B will become responsible for the management and operation of specified hazardous waste management units (HWMUs) located at Technical Area (TA) 54, Areas G, H and L, which are regulated under the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (No. NM 0890010515). Under the Permit, the Los Alamos National Security, LLC (LANS) and N3B will co-operate different HWMUs, some of which will store mixed waste addressed under the above-referenced Federal Facility Compliance Order (FFCO).

Section II of the FFCO, *Parties Bound*, requires that "DOE shall notify NMED if the present management and operating contract with the University is terminated and a new contract is awarded." Although the contract award to N3B does not terminate the current management and operator contract with Los Alamos National Security, LLC (LANS), the DOE believes the addition of N3B as a party to the FFCO is consistent with the intent of the Order and notice requirements. This notice does not alter or change the status of LANS as a party to the FFCO.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 667-4668 or Adrienne Nash at (505) 665-5026.

Sincerely,

Silas R. DeRoma
Field Office Counsel
U.S. Department of Energy
National Nuclear Security Administration

cc: (see following page)

38434



Laurie King, USEPA/Region 6, Dallas, TX (E-File)
Butch Tongate, NMED, Santa Fe, NM (E-File)
J.C. Borrego, NMED, Santa Fe, NM (E-File)
Neelam Dhawan, NMED/HWB, Santa Fe, NM (E-File)
Siona Briley, NMED/HWB, Santa Fe, NM (E-File)
Jennifer Hower, NMED/GC, Santa Fe, NM (E-File)
William S. Goodrum, NA-LA (E-File)
Peter Maggiore, NA-LA (E-File)
Adrienne Nash, NA-LA (E-File)
Darlene Rodriguez, NA-LA (E-File)
Douglas E. Hintze, EM-LA (E-File)
Chris Lockhart, EM-LA (E-File)
David J. Nickless, EM-LA (E-File)
Arturo Q. Duran, EM-LA (E-File)
Ben Underwood, EM-LA (E-File)
Frazer R. Lockhart, N3B (E-File)
Christian Maupin, Sn3 (E-File)
Craig S. Leasure, PADOPS (E-File)
Randall M. Erickson, ADEM (E-File)
Cheryl D. Cabbil, ADNHHO (E-File)
William R. Mairson, ADESH (E-File)
John C. Bretzke, ADESH (E-File)
Benjamine B. Roberts EPC-DO, (E-File)
Tania S. Van Valkenburg EPC-CP, (E-File)
Mark P. Haagenstad, EPC-CP (E-File)
Deborah K. Woitte, LC-ESH (E-File)
Susan M. McMichael, LC-ESH (E-File)
Ellena I. Martinez, EPC-CP (E-File)
emla.docs@em.doe.gov (E-File)
locatesteam@lanl.gov (E-File)
epc-correspondence@lanl.gov (E-File)
rcra-prr@lanl.gov (E-File)
epccat@lanl.gov (E-File)
adesh-records@lanl.gov (E-File)
adeshcorrespondence@lanl.gov (E-File)

WG/Counsel/Letter Logs/2018 Letters/OC-18-088